

April 4, 1975

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: Amendment is adopted. Senator Hasebroock.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature this bill would amend section 44-2113 and 24-2103 of the insurance code. The present law permits the insurance company to amend its retirement plan with the approval of the Director of Insurance as long as the amendment does not discriminate in favor of officers or other high salaried personnel. This is based on sound actuarial principles and third contains maximum benefits which are fair and reasonable under the conditions. The present law has worked well in regard to active employees but there is some uncertainty as to the employee of an insurance company to increase benefits to previously retired employees. Most business corporations may of course provide such increased benefits. This bill would remove any uncertainty and permit such increased benefits under insurance company retirement plans. An amendment to an insurance company retirement plan to provide such increased benefits would still require the approval of the director of Insurance under the same standards as are presently applied. I move that the bill as amended be advanced to E & R initial.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, and Senators, I have a question of Senator Hasebroock. Senator my question is does this enable insurance companies to raise benefits to what employees? State employees? Are we talking about the state employees?

PRESIDENT: Senator Hasebroock.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: No, just those employees employed by the insurance company. The insurance company itself.

SENATOR DWORAK: They don't have the power to do this now?

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Yes they do, but they don't have... there is some doubt as to whether they have the power on those retired. Those that have retired. They can do it now, but there is some question and they want to clear that up. But this is just within the insurance company itself. It is not a state retirement system. It is a private plan for an insurance company, all insurance companies.

PRESIDENT: Do you care for any kind of closing Senator Hasebroock? Alright, the question is shall the bill be advanced. Record your vote. Record. Mr. Clerk, record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: Bill is advanced. LB572.

CLERK: The next one will be 371. Read the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator F. Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I hope it is alright with the Chair if I speak now. Based on his previous action, which is another matter.